

MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CUSTODIANS OF MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL

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SUBJECT: MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL CHANGES  
CHAPTER 400 – MENTAL HEALTH AND ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATIONS

The proposed revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400, section 403.8 Residential Treatment Facilities, are being made to reflect a more appropriate clinical use of Therapeutic Home Passes and to further facilitate discharge planning for the recipient. The revisions are pursuant to regulations set forth by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in 42 CFR, 441.155 (5). Changes are effective May 12, 2010.

MATERIAL TRANSMITTED

**MTL 20/10**

CHAPTER 400 – MENTAL HEALTH  
AND ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
SERVICES

**Sec. 403.8A.6**

Added “are allowed”

Added “three”

Added “T, H, P”

Added “es”

Added “and”

Added “H, P”

Added “calendar year”

Added “The QIO-like vendor must be notified by the RTC of all therapeutic home

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**MTL 43/05**

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AND ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
SERVICES

Deleted “Nevada Medicaid allows”

Deleted “25”

Deleted “t, h, p”

Deleted “days”

Deleted “.”

Deleted “h, p”

Deleted “one-year”

Deleted “P”

passes at least 14 days prior to the pass being issued to the recipient. The notification form can be located on the QIO-like vendor website. All p”

**Sec. 403.8A.6.a**

Added “a.”

Deleted “Nevada Medicaid”

Added “T, H, P”

Deleted “t, h, p”

**Sec. 403.8A.6.a.1**

Added “1”

Deleted “a”

Added “T, H, P”

Deleted “t, h, p”

**Sec. 403.8A.6.a.2**

Added “2”

Deleted “b”

Added “A Therapeutic Home Pass will only occur within 90 days of the recipient’s planned discharge and in coordination with their discharge plan. The recipient must have demonstrated a series of successful incremental day passes before the Therapeutic Home Pass occurs. The recipient must also be in the final phase of treatment in the RTC program.”

**Sec. 403.8A.6.a.3**

Added “three”

**Sec. 403.8A.6.a.c**

Deleted “c. Therapeutic Home Pass days which are unused cannot be accumulated from one calendar year to the next.”

**Sec. 403.8A.6.a.4**

Added “4”

Deleted “d”

Added “es”

Deleted “days”

Added “the QIO-like vendor”

Deleted “Nevada Medicaid”

Added “three passes”

Deleted “25 days”

**Sec. 403.8A.6.a.5**

Added “5”

Deleted “e”

Added “the recipient will be considered discharged and the QIO-like vendor must be notified of the discharge and date the

Deleted “and returns/is returned to the RTC within three (3) days, the RTC may issue a current pass to cover this period.

recipient left the facility.”

The reason for the leave and the treatment intervention must be documented in the clinical case file. If a recipient leaves without a Therapeutic Home Pass and is away from the RTC five (5) days or greater, a formal discharge and prior authorization for readmission must occur.”

**Sec. 403.8A.6.a.6**

Added “6”

Deleted “f”

**Sec. 403.8A.6.a.7**

Added “7”

Deleted “g”

Added “Certificate of Need (”

Added “) signed by a physician,”

**Sec. 403.8A.6.a.8**

Added “8”

Deleted “h”

Added “three passes”

Deleted “25-day”

Deleted “Nevada Medicaid”

**Sec. 403.8A.6.a.9**

Added “9”

Deleted “i”